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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 30 - 39 are added. The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.

Claim 1. (Previously presented.) A method for testing the cleaning effect of a compound or compositions containing said compound, said method comprising:

- (a) preparing a liquid sample of less than 10 ml comprising said compound,
- (b) applying said liquid sample to a stained surface, wherein the surface is an inorganic surface selected from metal, glass, ceramic, enamel, concrete, rock, marble, gypsum and composite combinations thereof or an organic surface selected from wood, paper, leather, fur, paint and fabric,
- (c) applying mechanical stress to said stained surface by contacting said stained surface with a body present in said liquid sample,
- (d) evaluating the cleaning effect of applying solution and mechanical stress on said stained surface.

Claim 2. (Previously presented.) The method of claim 1, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of enzymes, enzyme stabilizers, enzyme inhibitors, enzyme enhancers, enzyme co-factors, builders, builder systems, bleach systems, bleach activators, metal-containing bleach catalyst, optical brighteners, nonionic -, anionic -, cationic -, zwitterionic and amphoteric surfactants, fabric softening agents, softening clays, clay flocculants, dye-transfer inhibiting agents, polymeric soil release agents, clay soil removal agents, anti-soil redeposition agents, polymeric dispersing systems, chelating agents, alkoxyated polycarboxylates, perfumes, perfume systems, carrier systems, dyes and pigments, fabric care agents and color care agents.

Claim 3. (Original.) The method of claim 2, wherein the enzymes are alkaline.

Claim 4. (Previously presented.) The method of claim 1, wherein the liquid sample has a volume selected from 5 - 95% of 3.7 ml, 320 μ l, 160 μ l, and 14 μ l, respectively.

Claim 5. (Cancelled.)